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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1551

1. SPANISH CHARGE OJEDA IN CONVERSATION WITH USLO CHIEF BRUCE DECEMBER 3 MENTIONED THAT FRENCH PLANS TO CONSTRUCT NEW EMBASSY IN PEKING (IN AREA NORTH OF PRESENT SAN LI TUN SITE) ARE BEING IMPEDED BY PRC-FRENCH IMPASSE OVER PRC ACQUISITION OF LAND IN PARIS TO BUILD EMBASSY THERE. FRENCH HAVE GIVEN SOVIETS VERY DESIRABLE PLOT OF LAND ADJACENT TO BOIS DE BOULOGNE MEASURING SOME 55,000 SQUARE METERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SOVIET EMBASSY, AND CHINESE NOW WANT TO ACQUIRE LAND IN PARIS OF SIMILAR DESIRABILITY AND SIZE FOR THEIR OWN USE. FRENCH HAVE SO FAR NOT PRODUCED SUCH LAND, AND CHINESE ARE ACCORDINGLY HOLDING UP IN PROVIDING FRENCH WITH AREA IN PEKING WHICH FRENCH HAVE SELECTED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR NEW EMBASSY. (WE UNDERSTAND THIS AREA MEASURES SEVERAL HECTARES.)

2. WE HAD NOT HEARD THIS REPORT BEFORE, BUT IT SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE. CHINESE EMPHASIS ON PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS PRC BEING ACCORDED EQUAL TREATMENT WITH USSR.
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